

Two Erirhinid Weevils (Coleoptera, Erirhinidae) Known as Rice Pests New to Laos

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In the recent surveys conducted at and around pesticide-free rice paddies in northeastern Laos, two erirhinid weevils belonging to the Erirhinini known as rice pests were collected. We are going to record them as the first representatives of this tribe from Laos.

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1. *Notaris oryzae* (ISHIDA, 1902)

Specimens examined. 67 exs., Ban Muang (alt. 1,450 m) and Ban Om (alt. 1,162 m), Xiengkhouang Prov., 1~4-V-2008, H. KOJIMA & J. KANTOH; 170 exs., Ban Nasala (alt. 1,372 m) and Ban Don (alt. 1,111 m), Houaphan Prov., 14~16-VI-2009, H. KOJIMA.

Distribution. Japan, Korea, NE China, Russian Far East, Laos. New to Laos.

Comments. Though the weevil was originally described as a pest of rice and the larva is root-feeder (ISHIDA, 1902 a, b), it is presently not so common in rice paddies in Japan (MORIMOTO, 1984). In northeastern Laos, however, it is quite common on footpaths between rice fields and ridges of small river channels adjacent to rice paddies in mountain villages. The pest status is uncertain at present in Laos.

2. *Echinocnemus bipunctatus* ROELOFS, 1874

Specimens examined. 8 exs., Ban Muang (alt. 1,450 m), Xiengkhouang Prov., 1-V-2008, H. KOJIMA; 54 exs., Ban Na Muang (alt. 633 m), Ban Nasala (alt. 1,372 m) and Ban Don (alt. 1,111 m), Houaphan Prov., 11~16-VI-2009, H. KOJIMA; 10 exs., Muang Kham Hot Spring (alt. 567 m), Xiengkhouang Prov., 18-VI-2009, H. KOJIMA.

Distribution. Japan, SE China, Laos, Java. New to Laos.

Comment. Local farmers recognize this weevil as a pest of rice, but the damage is not so serious constantly.

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